

REMARKS

The specification has been amended as needed so as to place this application in condition for disposal at the time of the next Official Action.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is also rewritten in American form.

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims that are believed to be proper as to form and clearly patentable over the cited references.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over COSS et al. in view of TAYLOR et al. or GODA.

These references do not disclose a switching device in which a cover is slidable along a first axis on which the first and second locations for the inlet flexible tubes extend, and is pivotable along an axis at least parallel to that first axis.

TAYLOR shows no such switching device comprising a cover as claimed. Actually, TAYLOR does not disclose a switching device, but rather a pump, as it comprises a single inlet tube 1 and a single outlet 2. The amount pump during one revolution of drive wheel 23 is defined by the translatory movement of piston 19 within cylinder 20. This device is functionally similar to the peristaltic pump disclosed by COSS.

Accordingly, COSS is non-pertinent, for the same reasons as TAYLOR.

GODA discloses a switching device, but it has no cover as claimed in the present claims. Instead, it has a rotating cam member 50. In this arrangement, one tube is always squeezed against a rod 60 or 61, which renders the device less readily disposable than the device according to the invention as now claimed.

As the new claims bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the
originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority
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